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Mormon Station State Park Closes for the Season

Group-use reservations begin January 2, 2007

GENOA, Nev.--The museum at Mormon Station State Historic Park will close for the season October 15, 2006. Visitors can still enjoy picnicking and walking through a portion of the park during the winter months and the restrooms will remain open until snow falls. The park will re-open in May 2007.

The park has a wonderful group use facility and is an excellent choice for outdoor weddings, receptions, family reunions, retirement parties, birthday celebrations and other group gatherings.

Reservations will be accepted beginning January 2, 2007. The cost varies depending on the number of people. For information, contact Park Supervisor Suzanne Sturtevant at (775) 782-2590.

Mormon Station State Historic Park is the site of Nevada's first permanent non-native settlement. Mormon Station is located in the small town of Genoa, 12 miles south of Carson City. The park features a replica of the original trading post built in 1851, which houses a small museum with relics of pioneer days, as well as picnic and group facilities. Mormon Station is open May through October.

The **Nevada Division of State Parks** plans, develops and maintains a system of parks and recreation areas for the use and enjoyment of more than 2.3 million visitors a year. The division was established in 1963 by the Nevada Legislature to form a new state park agency within the **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**. The division manages and maintains 24 parks in Nevada.